

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 3605–3609, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 420–421, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL AMERICA DIRECT-TO-HOME SATELLITE SERVICES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review legislation to establish a loan guarantee program to promote the delivery of direct-to-home satellite services to rural America. Testimony was heard from Representatives Emerson and Boucher; Christopher McLean, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, the Administration on Aging, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Olivia Golden, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families; Jeanette Takamura, Assistant Secretary, Administration on Aging; Nelba Chavez, M.D., Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and John M. Eisenberg, Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and William J. Lynn, III, Comptroller.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS' ASSETS RESTITUTION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on issues related to the restitution of Holocaust victims' assets. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEDICAL ERRORS: IMPROVING QUALITY OF CARE

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a joint hearing on Medical Errors: Improving Quality of Care and Consumer Information. Testimony was heard from Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Janet Heinrich, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on The White House, the Networks, and TV Censorship. Testimony was heard from Donald R. Vereen, Jr., M.D., Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION—PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Title VI: Providing Flexibility for Innovative Education. Testimony was heard from Valerie Woodruff, Acting Secretary of Education, Department of Education, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADA'S APPLICABILITY TO PRIVATE INTERNET SITES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act to Private Internet Sites. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ALASKA PUBLIC LANDS ACCESS; CRAIG MUNICIPAL EQUITY ACT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on issues and controversies relating to access across conservation systems lands and other public lands in Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. Testimony was heard from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 3182, Craig Municipal Equity Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Jack Craven, Director of Lands, Forest Service, USDA; and Dennis Watson, Mayor, Craig, Alaska.

SHRINKING WORKFORCE ENDANGERS AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES; SKILLED WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Shrinking Workforce Endangers America's Small Businesses: Examining the Need for the Skilled Workforce Enhancement Act, focusing on H.R. 1824, Skilled Workforce Enhancement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Senator DeWine; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2001—AGENCY BUDGETS AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal year 2001. Testimony was heard from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary, Army (Civil Works), Corps of Engineers; the following officials of the EPA: J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water; and Timothy Fields, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; the following officials of the TVA: Kate J. Jackson, Executive Vice President, Resource Group; and David N. Smith, CFO; Danny D. Sells, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Sally J. Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ADMINISTRATION'S FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2001 budget. Testi-

mony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the findings of the President's working group's report on Over the Counter Derivatives Markets and the Commodity Exchange Act, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings on spectrum auctions, technology, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1797, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska; S. 1192, to designate national forest land managed by the Forest Service in the Lake Tahoe Basin as the "Lake Tahoe National Scenic Forest and Recreation Area", and to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe Basin; S. 1664, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah; S. 1665, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange; H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah; H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange; and S. 1936, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the implications of the Seattle Ministerial on trade policies, 10 a.m., SD-215.